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BEGIN SUMMARY: AT NOVEMBER 26 PERMREPS LUNCH, AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES DISCUSSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DECEMBER NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, THE NUNN AMENDMENT, AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY ANNUAL SESSION IN LONDON. END SUMMARY.

1. TIMING, AGENDA, FORMAT, AND CEREMONIES SURROUNDING DECEMBER NAC, DPC, AND NPG MINISTERIALS - SYG LUNS REPORTED TO PERMREPS HE HAD RECEIVED WORD FROM GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS ABOUT THE HONORARY PRESIDENCY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL. FONMIN BITSIOS IS PREPARED TO ASSUME THE HONORARY PRESIDENCY; LUNS EXPECTS TO RECEIVE WORD SHORTLY FROM UK FONSEC CALLAGHAN THAT THE LATTER IS PREPARED TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS HONORARY POSITION; AND THUS MATTERS WILL BE REGULARIZED FOR THE DECEMBER NAC MINISTERIAL, AND UNTIL SEPTEMBER 19, 1975.

2. THEODOROPOULOS (GREECE) SAID FONMIN BITSIOS PLANS TO HOST  
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THE CUSTOMARY LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 12 DURING THE MINISTERIAL SESSION. AS BITSIOS UNDERSTANDS SEVERAL DEFENSE MINISTERS WILL ALSO ATTEND THE NAC, HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO INVITE THOSE DEFENSE MINISTERS TO JOIN NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE

LUNCHEON. THEODOROPoulos ASKED PERMREPS TO ADVISE HIS DELEGATION OF THE NAMES OF DEFENSE MINISTERS WHO WILL PRESENT IN BRUSSELS ON NOVEMBER 12.

3. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) REFERRED TO THE GALA 25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER TO BE HOSTED BY THE MAYOR OF BRUSSELS AT THE HOTEL DE VILLE ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 12. HE SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS AND WIVES WOULD ALSO BE INVITED. DE FREITAS-CRUZ (PORTUGAL), HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS), AND KRAPF (FRG) SAID THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE DEFENSE MINISTERS WOULD PLAN TO ATTEND BOTH THE BITSIOS LUNCH AND THE MAYOR'S DINNER ON DECEMBER 12.

4. DE STAERCKE ANNOUNCED THAT BELGIAN DEFMIN VANDEN BOEYNANTS HAS DECIDED TO HOLD A DINNER ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 10 RATHER THAN THE LUNCHEON WHICH HE TRADITIONALLY HOSTS. VANDEN BOEYNANTS PLANS TO INVITE TO THAT DINNER ALL DEFENSE MINISTERS, PERMREPS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, AND THE SACEUR.

5. ROY (CANADA) ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE AN NPG MINISTERIAL AND WHEN IT WOULD OCCUR. LUNS SAID HE HAD CONFERRED WITH DE FREITAS-CRUZ AND, WHILE THE PORTUGUESE DID NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THE NPG MINISTERIAL, THEY PREFERRED THAT IT BE SANDWICHED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DPC MINISTERIAL SINCE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD PROVE LEAST EMBARRASSING TO THE AUTHORITIES IN LISBON. DE FREITAS-CRUZ AGREED, SAYING THAT THE PORTUGUESE PREFERRED TO SEE THE MEETING OF THE NPG, IF IT WERE HELD, OCCUR LATE ON THE FIRST FULL DAY OF THE DPC MINISTERIAL. KRAPF, AND PECK (U.K.) AGREED WITH THE SYG THAT A MEETING AT 5:00 P.M. ON DECEMBER 10 SEEMED APPROPRIATE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

6. PECK ASKED DE FREITAS-CRUZ WHAT WAS "THE OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC POLICY" OF PORTUGAL WITH RESPECT TO THE NPG. DE FREITAS-CRUZ SAID THAT LISBON HAS DECIDED OF ITS OWN VOLITION NOT TO ATTEND NPG MEETINGS OR MEETINGS OF ITS SUBORDINATE BODIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, PORTUGAL HAS NOT WITHDRAWN FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE NPG OR ANY OF ITS SUBORDINATE BODIES. LISBON HAS SIMPLY DECIDED AT THIS POINT NOT TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHTS LEST THERE BE CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBARRASSMENT. THE SYG THEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE DPC WOULD COMMENCE AT 9:30 A.M. ON DECEMBER 10; THAT MINISTERS WOULD BE FREE TO LUNCH AS THEY WISHED; THAT THE DPC WOULD RESUME AT 2:45 P.M. AND ADJOURN SHORTLY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. AT 5:00 P.M. THE NPG MINISTERIAL WOULD COMMENCE. LUNS FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT THE RESTRICTED SESSION OF THE DPC WOULD COMMENCE AT 9:30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, TO BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY THE DISCUSSION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. SU CHARGE MCAULIFFE INTERVENED BRIEFLY TO SAY THAT THE U.S. SAW NO NEED FOR A NDAC BECAUSE OF THE CROWDED SCHEDULE; AND THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT TO THIS COMMENT.

7. NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) ANNUAL SESSION IN LONDON -

THE SYG EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO HMG THROUGH AMBASSADOR PECK FOR THE SPLENDID FACILITIES WHICH THE UK HAD MADE AVAILABLE TO THE NAA AND FOR THE GENEROUS HSOPITALITY IT HAD EXTENDED TO HIM AND TO THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM NATO. LUNS WAS CRITICAL OF THE BEHAVIOR OF THE MANY PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM MANY ALLIED NATIONS. WHILE IT WAS TRUE, HE SAID, THAT A HANDFUL OF PARLIMENTARIANS IN EACH NATIOAL DELEGATION WERE WELL INFORMED, HARD-WORKING, ATTENTIVE TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND, AND WILLING TO PUT IN A GOOD MANY HOURS OF WORK LOOKING TO THE INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE, IT WAS ALSO TRUE THAT A VERY CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF PARLIA-MENTARIANS FROM ALL COUNTIRES SEEMED PRINCIPALLY INTENT ON SHOPPING, THEATER-GOING, AND "HAVING A FLING." IN THE GENERAL DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED, PERMREPS AGREED THAT THOSE PAR-LIAMENTARIANS WHO HAD ENGAGED IN THE WORK OF THE POLITICAL, MILITARY AND OTHER SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES WERE HARD-WORKING AND HAD BEENHELPUFL TO THE ALLIANCE. PERMREPS ALSO AGREED THAT LUNS HIMSELF HAD BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN HIS PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH ARIOUS PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS AND THAT HE HAD IMPRESSED A NUMBER OF DELEGATES WITH THE NEED FOR STRONG SUPPORT OF NATO. MCAULIFFE

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